

ACTION TAKEN

MIDDLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

7:00 PM

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1. 7:00 Warrant: #2114 & 2115 **Approved 3-0**
Minutes: Open Session: December 15 & 22, 2020 **Approved 3-0**
Town Administrator updates and reports
 - Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.
 - We spoke before the holidays of the Neighbors in Need program. Neighbors in Need program helped 36 families and 63 children over the holidays. Thank you to everyone who donated and thank you to the coordinators, Judy Gallerie and Mary Rockwood.
 - Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election are now available. This year's election is May 18. The full list of open seats and other information is available on the website or from the Town Clerk's Office.
 - The State is in the process of setting up mass vaccination sites. We have reason to believe there will be one will in the tri-town area. Speaking of which, thank you to all who worked the first responder vaccination site yesterday at the Topsfield Fairgrounds. Several hundred first responders received vaccinations. And of course, thank you to all the first responders who received the vaccination. It is the best route to herd immunity and getting past COVID.
 - Sarah Wood, Tanya Shallop, and I have begun budget meetings with department heads. That will last most of the week. We will then develop the budget recommendation that we will present on February 6 to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. We will hold the two FY22 budget summits – February 6 and March 6 - via Zoom. It will be interesting to see how it goes – longer, shorter, more efficient or less. And I expect the Warrant Reading & Budget Hearing on March 25 to also be on Zoom.
 - With respect to the FY22 budget, there remain numerous unknowns as there always are at this time. I think the biggest wildcard is federal aid to states and municipalities. That will take some time to work its way through Congress. I will keep you informed as that unfolds.
2. 7:15 Public Comment Period **None**

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3. 7:20 State Representative Sally Kerans, 13th Essex District, to meet the Board and hear the Board's priorities
Discussion
4. 7:30 Review the January 28, 2021 Special Town Meeting warrant; vote to open and close the warrant Approved 3-0
5. 7:45 Discussion of Water Management Act permit renewal, status of Order to Correct, and request to dedicate certain open space parcels for water supply protection Approved 3-0
6. 7:55 Vote to open the May 11, 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant Approved 3-0
7. 8:00 Vote to appoint or reappoint the following members to the Bylaw Review Committee for the terms noted:
 - Jeffrey Garber, through June 30, 2022
 - Meghan Walter, through June 30, 2024
 - Richard Cardinale, through June 30, 2024
 - Ilene Twiss (ex-officio), through June 30, 2022
 Approved 3-0
8. 8:05 Vote to appoint the following individuals to the positions and for the terms as noted:
 - Gary Paul as Interim Plumbing & Gas Inspector with a term through June 30, 2021
 - Todd Moreschi as Alternate Plumbing Inspector with a term through June 30, 2021
 Approved 3-0
9. 8:10 Discussion of Municipal Tax Relief Committee; call for members Discussion
10. 8:15 Vote to accept the following donations and gifts:
 - Richard & Jean Beck, \$500 to the Middleton Food Pantry
 - Bostik, \$2,000 to the Middleton Food Pantry
 - Bostik, \$3,500 to the Middleton Food Pantry
 - Margaret Lee & Christopher Sansoucie, \$1,000 to the Middleton Food Pantry
 - Mary Ann & John Erickson, \$500 to the Middleton Food Pantry
 - Ferncroft Holdings, LLC DBA Ferncroft Country Club, \$1,000 to the Middleton Food Pantry
 Approved 3-0
11. 8:25 New Business: Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed None
12. 8:30 Executive Session: Pursuant to GL c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) with respect to contract negotiations with the Police Chief

Upcoming Meetings: January 26, 2021 Regular BOS meeting
 February 6, 2021 Operating Budget Summit
 February 9 & 23 Regular BOS meetings

The Board reserves the right to consider items on the agenda out of order. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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